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MINUTES OF THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE  
ON EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS

12 October 1956

Present

Members: Royal Wald, State  
Stanley Wilcox, State  
John S. Shearer, Navy  
Richard Bauer, Army  
Maj. Howard G. Neumann, Air Force

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1. The 77th meeting of the Exploitation Subcommittee convened at 1400 hours. The minutes of the 76th meeting were approved without amendment.

2. Maj. Neumann commented that, since the last meeting of the Subcommittee, the Historical Division of the Navy and the Army Engineers had shown interest in the Japanese records located at Franconia. He regretted that Air Force lacked the linguistic capabilities to respond to the Army and Navy interests.

Maj. Neumann further reported that the exploitation program of the 7050th Air Wing was still under consideration, with the probability that it would be considerably modified to avoid duplicating FDD, AID, and ATIC efforts. He felt, therefore, that [REDACTED] appearance at a Subcommittee meeting should be postponed until the 7050th's program was determined.

3. Review of the USSR program:

Mr. Wilcox of State Department said he had been assured by DRS analysts that the FDD reports were being read and utilized, and that the existing program required no substantial changes to meet the Department's requirements. He had, however, received statements of specific interest in Soviet economic affairs which he felt were worthy

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of FDD consideration. DRS analysts, he said, are constantly concerned with shifts in Soviet economic theory, and shifts in Soviet administrative philosophy, as for example, how decentralization is supposed to work.

Regarding FDD summaries on plan fulfillments and budgets Mr. Wilcox remarked that, while these publications are useful per se, they would receive a great deal more attention if FDD would preface such compilations with brief analyses, embodying the FDD opinion on the significance of the data provided. Such analyses, Mr. Wilcox believed, would stimulate the consumer to check the FDD conclusions against the facts presented, and result in consultation and a closer relationship between DRS and FDD analysts, a development which DRS would welcome.

Mr. Bauer reported that Army analysts are quite pleased with the FDD product and the current program. He added that, while FDD's new scientific program on the USSR was not on this meeting's agenda, he had found much enthusiasm for the Scientific Information Report among the Army's technical services.

25X1A [redacted] representing CIA, stated that Agency components concerned with aggregates ~~and analyses~~ are in accord with State Department in desiring more reporting on USSR economic theory. The ~~current~~ intelligence components are particularly interested in obtaining more information on Arctic and Antarctic activities, mapping and personalities. 25X1A The Agency in general, and economic analysts in particular, are well pleased with the present program, [redacted] concluded.

Maj. Neumann, speaking for Air Force, expressed general satisfaction with the program. He recommended that two subjects of primary concern to the Air Force, the Soviet guided missile program and the Soviet strategic air force, be emphasized in the FDD program, and that data of an indicative or inferential nature be sought for and reported.

25X1A [redacted] reported that NSA was well pleased with the current program on the USSR.

Mr. Shearer stated that Navy analysts found the FDD reporting to be routinely useful to them and were particularly impressed by the range of publications exploited. He felt that the FDD summaries with respect to personalities and order of battle information, as well as in the general editorial comment provided, had been of increasing value within the last year.

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Mr. Bauer, at the Chairman's request, reported on the establishment by the Foreign Reports Section in ACSI of a program of monthly conferences, designed to coordinate procurement, distribution, and exploitation of foreign language publications for Army. Interested representatives of the Engineers, Army Map Service, Signal Corps and other components met initially on 18 September 1956 and discussed the program of conferences. Mr. Bauer submitted copies of the "Minutes of the First Meeting of the Publication Procurement and Exploitation Conference, 18 September 1956," and the agenda for the record.

4. The meeting adjourned at 1515 hours. The next meeting will be held on 26 October 1956 at 1400 hours in Room 1121 M Building, when the agenda will be the review of the FDD program on the East European Satellites.

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